

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) During the current (1997-98) financial year, it is proposed to take up certain developmental works (viz. widening/expansion/repairs etc) on National Highway Nos.8 and 8A in the Gujarat State. Further, funds to the tune of Rs. 35.00 crores are proposed to be allocated keeping in view various factors including the availability of funds. It is, however, not possible to indicate the extent of expenditure incurred for new works during the afore-said period at this stage.

[English]

#### Projects by World Bank

5759. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned funds for works on various projects like, road, shelter, watershed management in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the total sum sanctioned for the purpose and the works to be carried out and the time by which these works are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank assistance for Andhra Pradesh Hazard Management and Emergency Cyclone Recovery Project includes several components such as road, shelter, watershed management in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. The total project cost is about Rs. 730 crores. The World Bank assistance is US \$ 150 million. The project closing date is 31st January, 2000.

#### Fake Universities

5760. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that certificates are being issued by fake universities in the country in exchange of huge money from the candidates; and

(b) if so, the names of such universities and the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) So far 20 institutions, not being Universities, using the word "University" in their title have come to notice. The names

of these institutions appear in the attached statement. While associating the word "University" by an institution, which is not a University and conferment of degrees by such institutions is punishable with the fine under Section 24 of the UGC Act. UGC also refers such cases to Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission for action under the MRTPC Act. UGC, from time to time, issues public notice/warning about the existence of such unauthorised and unlawful "Universities". Similar exercises have also been carried out through the State Government and the Universities for wider notification.

To make the penal provisions more stringent, a Bill to provide for imprisonment and enhanced fine under Section 24 of the UGC Act has also been introduced in the Parliament.

#### Statement

##### List of Fake Universities

1. Maithili University/Vishwavidyalaya, Darbhanga, Bihar.
2. Mahila Gram Vidyapith/Vishwavidyalaya, (Women's University), Prayag, Allahabad (U.P.)
3. Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi (U.P.)/ Jagat Puri, Delhi.
4. Commercial University Ltd., Darya Ganj Delhi.
5. Indian Education Council of U.P., Lucknow (U.P.).
6. Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith, Prayag, Allahabad (U.P.).
7. National University of Electro Complex Homeopathy, Kanpur.
8. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University (Open University Achaltal, Aligarh (U.P.).
9. Shrimati Mahadevi Verma Open University, Mughal Sarai, (U.P.).
10. D.D.B. Sanskrit University, Putur, Trichi, Tamil Nadu.
11. Bharatiya Shiksha Parishad (U.P.) Open Vishwavidyalaya, Lucknow (U.P.)
12. Arya University, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir).
13. St. John's University, Kishanattam, Kerala.
14. National University, Nagpur.
15. United Nations University, Delhi.

16. Vocational University, Delhi.
17. Uttar Pradesh Vishwavidyalaya, Kosi Kalan, Mathura (U.P.).
18. Maharana Pratap Shiksha Niketan Vishwavidyalaya, Pratapgarh, (U.P.).
19. Raja Arabic University, Nagpur.
20. Urdu University, Motia Park, Bhopal.

#### Re-Orientation of Higher Education

5761. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA :  
SHRI N. DENNIS :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to re-orient higher education to make it more effective to so to utilise the human resources relevant to the practical aspect of life; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) has initiated a Scheme for Vocationalisation of Education at the first degree level. 31 Universities and 692 colleges have already introduced vocational courses in Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Commerce & Economics, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences under the above Scheme.

#### By-Pass on National Highway No.4

5762. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the dusty four K.M. stretch on the Mumbra-Kausa area of National Highway No.4 has claimed 108 lives in six years;

(b) whether Government are also aware that as far back as 1982 the National Highways Authority had planned to build a by pass from the railway overbridge near Muohra to the Bharat Gears factory which could have prevented flow of traffic; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not constructing the proposed by pass so far ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### B.Ed. Courses

5763. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any provision under which Primary School Teachers, who are graduates and post graduates and teaching in Government and recognised schools can do B.Ed. through correspondence or any other Government provision for their promotion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of such universities and colleges from where the Primary School teachers can do B.Ed. through correspondence State-wise and location-wise;

(d) the number of Primary School Teachers who have been provided B.Ed degrees by these Universities and Colleges during each of the last three academic sessions and the current academic session;

(e) the target fixed for the year 1997-98 in this regard;

(f) whether the Government propose to increase the said number in future;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) Primary school teachers in Government and recognised schools may pursue B.Ed. Courses of their choice for purposes of career advancement subject to their eligibility and relevant rules of States/Union Territories concerned.

(c) The names of universities in different States offering B.Ed. Correspondence Courses are given in the attached statement along with their location.

(d) The Universities do not specifically allocate seats for primary school teachers in B.Ed. courses.

(e) to (h) Do not arise.